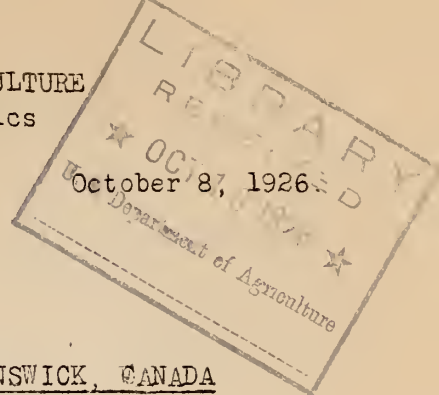


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APPLE INDUSTRY IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

The valley of the Saint John River constitutes the best section in New Brunswick for the growing of apples, says Consul F. C. Johnson at Fredericton. The average yearly production in that Province for the past five years is placed at approximately 60,000 barrels, says the Consul. The average commercial crop is about 32,000 barrels, according to the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Systematic development of fruit lands and training of the farmers in fruit growing are said to be all that is required to make that valley one of the most important and most productive apple growing districts in the Dominion. Much of the land throughout the valley has an admirable slope well adapted for apple orcharding, and considerable areas, even as far as twenty miles back from the river, have been found to be suitable for apple production. The soil is a rich, clay loam.

The valley of the Upper Saint John River has proved to be adapted especially to the production of winter varieties. Between Woodstock and Gagetown, a distance of 120 miles, there are large blocks of first class fruit lands. Portions of Albert county present apple growing conditions similar to those of the famous Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia, and produce Gravensteins, Northern Spy and Ribston Pippins. The southern portion of Charlotte county in the lower valley of the Saint Croix River is favorable to the production of King of Tomkins, Northern Spy and Rhode Island Greenings. Some of the largest orchards are located in Westmoreland and Kent counties, some thirty varieties being successfully grown there.

The abundance of wild apple trees furnishes evidence that apples are a natural product of the province, says Consul Johnson. The prevailing west and northwest winds cause backward springs, but when the snows disappear, there is an abundance of sunshine and heat for the growth and maturity of the apples. The rainfall is ample. The chief varieties grown are Dudley Winters, Fameuse, Mackintosh Red, Golden Russet and Northern Spy, among the best dessert apples, and Wolf River, Alexanders and Bethels for general all round purposes. The Mackintosh Red of New Brunswick is regarded as one of the most perfect of its kind on the market.

Usually about one-third of the New Brunswick apple crop is sold on an f.o.b. orchard basis for shipment to the Montreal market. Returns for the year 1925 show that the cost of placing New Brunswick apples on the Montreal market is as follows: Freight from 77½ cents to one dollar per barrel, the higher prices including heater and demurrage charges; a standard cartage charge of 15 cents per barrel; storage from 12 to 24 cents per barrel; and cost of barrel from 75 cents to one dollar. It therefore costs about \$2.00 per barrel on the average to place the fruit on the Montreal market.

